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## **RAYTOWN WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLING \$731,516**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raytown, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to stealing from both her employer and her boyfriend.

**Janice L. Vobornik**, 60, of Raytown, waived her right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to a three-count federal information. **Vobornik** pleaded guilty to defrauding several financial institutions by writing fraudulent checks on her employer's accounts and obtaining fraudulent cash advances on her employer's lines of credit. **Vobornik** also pleaded guilty to defrauding a financial institution by stealing checks from the man she was living with, then writing fraudulent checks on his account. **Vobornik** also pleaded guilty to defrauding several financial institutions by writing fraudulent cash advance checks from several credit card companies.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Vobornik** admitted that she wrote fraudulent checks and obtained fraudulent cash advances on her employer's lines of credit in the amount of \$590,890 from 1997 to Oct. 9, 2001.

**Vobornik** was employed as a bookkeeper and office manager for Trim Lite Lawn Service, Inc., also known as Trim Lite Equipment, formerly located at 6406 Blue Ridge Cut-Off in Raytown. Trim Rite was in the business of selling commercial lawn equipment.

**Vobornik** admitted that she made checks payable to herself, to "cash," or to the bank and forged the signature of her employer. She also obtained counter checks from the bank and wrote checks on them against Trim Rite's account, forging her employer's signature. **Vobornik** concealed her theft by making false entries in Trim Rite's accounting records. **Vobornik** also admitted that she obtained fraudulent cash advances on the company's lines of credit at two additional financial institutions.

**Vobornik** also admitted that she stole at least 23 checks belonging to the man she was living with between April 6, 1997, and Feb. 18, 2002. **Vobornik** forged his signature and then either deposited the checks into her personal checking account or cashed them. **Vobornik** admitted that she obtained at least \$79,400 by fraud, and used the proceeds for her own personal benefit, often spending the money gambling.

**Vobornik** also admitted that she intercepted her boyfriend's mail and opened mail addressed to him from credit card companies. When that mail contained blank cash advance checks, **Vobornik** removed the checks and wrote checks payable to herself, forging his signature. **Vobornik** wrote a total of 42 unauthorized cash advance checks from six financial institutions and thereby obtained a total of approximately \$65,700. **Vobornik** admitted that she either cashed the checks or deposited them into her personal checking account, using the proceeds for her personal benefit, often spending the money gambling.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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